

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 08-04-01**

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For Work Week Commencing: March 31, 2008  
Commission Meeting: April 1, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

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**9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling** (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

**9:30 a.m. Business** (Bollinger Room)

**Public Comments**

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. NorthWestern Energy's QF queue – Discuss issues and PSC procedural options related to QFs in line for contracts with NWE. (4/1/08)

**Other Meetings**

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. Qwest Communications N2008.3.26 (Scott)

On March 19, 2008, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal QCC08-02. The purpose of this filing is to introduce a new Long Distance and Toll Free Contract offering, Qwest EZ Rate. This filing also introduces Qwest Connect contract terms that will be available to new customers who purchase service under this contract. Qwest is requesting an effective date of April 19, 2008.

2. AT&T N2008.3.28 (Gary)

On March 25, 2008, AT&T filed a Petition for Waiver of Months to Exhaust/Utilization Threshold requirements set forth in the FCC's Number Resource Optimization Order, FCC 00-429 and FCC 01-362. A waiver of the FCC's requirements would allow Neustar, Montana's Pooling Administrator, to provide numbering resource to AT&T in order for AT&T to satisfy a specific customer request from Smurfit-Stone Container in Missoula, Montana. The FCC allows for such a waiver of rules when there is a specific customer request. The waiver process ("safety valve process") is addressed in FCC 01-362, paragraphs 57-66, which delegate waiver authority to state commissions.

**Protective Orders – Notice Items** The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

**Protective Orders – Information Items** The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N2008.3.26 – Qwest Communications Corporation – Tariff Transmittal QCC08-02 – Introduce a New Long Distance and Toll Free Contract Offering, Qwest EZ Rate

D2008.3.27 – Energy West Incorporated and Cut Bank Gas Company – Notice of Filing Joint Application for Approval of Acquisition of Cut Bank Gas Company by Energy West Incorporated

N2008.3.28 – AT&T – Request for Waiver of Months-to-Exhaust/Utilization Threshold Requirements in the Missoula Rate Center